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Listing of Claims beginning on page 2; and

Response/Remarks to Election of Species Requirement beginning on page 8.